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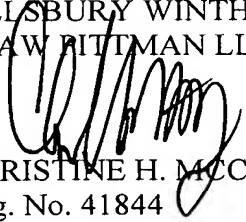
By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 9 are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter and claim 8 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-2 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schlasberg (WO 99/17230) and claims 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from the teachings of Schlasberg. Applicant acknowledges the indication that claim 8 includes allowable subject matter; this Amendment has cancelled that claim and incorporated its subject matter in independent claim 3, thereby rendering claims 3-7 allowable. Additionally, independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended in a similar manner and are, therefore, allowable over Schlasberg. Thus, all independent claim 1, 3 and 9 include features defining a solution in a time division mobile communication system where a timeslot allowed for transmission of an identification request signal is indicated, and a mobile station transmits such a identification signal in the indicated time slot. Applicant submits that the outstanding Office Action has recognized that Schlasberg reference fails to disclose, teach or suggest such a solution. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 1-7 and 9 are allowable over Schlasberg.

All rejections and objections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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